

Draft
Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Meeting
10 May 2011

Attendance: John Bamberger, Richard Fein, Lynn Grabowski, Karen Kowles (chair), Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Eve Vogel, Glenn Barrington (UMass Transit), David Elvin (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission working with PVTa), Guilford Mooring (Superintendent of Public Works)

UMass Transit: Glenn Barrington sent ridership data for Rte 32 to Karen: a cumulative 3.9% increase relative to FY 2010 for the July-April period.

DPW updates: Guilford Mooring provided updates on Wildwood safe routes to school, Spring St. parking, Atkins corner, and the Snell St. bridge. The next repainting of lines in the CVS parking lot will mark the access point to the Jones Library clearly.

Funds for a consultant to help prepare a **unified transportation plan**, consistent with the Town master Plan are in the budget to be presented to the Town Meeting.

The Committee voted to advise the Select Board to **improve bike safety** by allotting more resources for rapid removal of sand from Town roads. 7 yes, 0 no.

The Committee discussed **inconsiderate and disruptive behavior on buses**. Since students are the main problem, Eve will check the UMass Student Handbook for relevant policy. Glenn could ask for a brief statement during orientation. Richard will draft a statement.

Route 9 Stakeholders meeting in Northampton:

Poor connections between UMass transit and FRTA, which no longer serves Sunderland, remains a problem as does lack of service to the McKesson Bldg on Rte 9 by the 42 bus. solutions are not in sight.

Rte. 9 will be widened from Lowes to Home Depot. Sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes are in Mass DOT plans.

Mayor Higgins encouraged the group to imagine a Rte. 9 corridor with light rail or express bus service now rather than to let major changes occur without factoring it in.

Bike week is next week. Peter will work on a brief statement of the Committee's charge, recent accomplishments and ongoing projects for the PTBC table at the Friday 20 May breakfast on the common.

April minutes were approved as amended.

Respectfully submitted.
Peter Lillya, Secretary